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Further information on UA 272/96 (ASA 21/78/96, 21 November 1996) - Possible "disappearance" / Fear for safety

EAST TIMOR

Antonio da Silva Monteiro (29)
Paulo da Costa (17)
Armindo da Silva (31)
Armindo Monteiro (22)
Jose Monteiro (31)
Jose da Silva
Chiquito da Silva
Aquiles da Silva
Gilberto da Silva
Francisco da Silva (name previously unknown)

Amnesty International has learned that the above 10 people, feared to have "disappeared" after being arrested in Waihulae, Viqueque district on 15 November, are now believed to be safe.

According to reports, seven men were arrested on 15 November but all have now been released. Jose da Silva, Francisco da Silva, Gilberto da Silva and Aquiles da Silva were all detained for six days and released on 21 November. Armindo Monteiro, Antonio da Silva Monteiro and Paulo da Costa were all released on 26 November. Four of them have gone into hiding, fearing further harassment by the security forces.

It is not known if they were ill-treated while in custody.

No further action by the UA Network is requested. Many thanks to all UA participants who sent appeals.

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